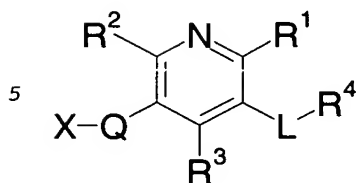


Abstract

A compound represented by the formula



wherein

R¹ and R² are the same or different and each is an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or an optionally substituted hydroxy group; R³ is an optionally substituted aromatic group;
10 R⁴ is an optionally substituted amino group; L is a divalent chain hydrocarbon group; Q is a bond or a divalent chain hydrocarbon group; and X is a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a nitro group, an acyl group, a substituted hydroxy group, an optionally substituted thiol group, an optionally substituted
15 amino group or an optionally substituted cyclic group; provided that when X is an ethoxycarbonyl group, then Q is a divalent chain hydrocarbon group. The compound has a peptidase inhibitory action, is useful as an agent for the prophylaxis or treatment of diabetes and the like, and is superior in
20 efficacy, duration of action, specificity, lower toxicity and the like.